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## **MAYOR BALLARD LAUNCHES NATIONAL SEARCH FOR DEPUTY MAYOR OF EDUCATION**

INDIANAPOLIS – Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard today announced plans to address the critical educational needs of our city by creating a new cabinet-level position of Deputy Mayor of Education in his administration and launching a national search to identify a leader to fill this role.

“Indianapolis needs a single, prominent education voice to raise our expectations, encourage more collaboration and produce better results for our children,” said Mayor Ballard. “It is vital for the success of our young people and to the future economic growth of our city that we demand more from our schools, students and community.”

Mayor Ballard envisions the new Deputy Mayor of Education as a collaborative agent focusing on:

1. Bringing together the education community to improve the scholastic attainment of our city’s youth.
2. Attracting educational organizations to our city in pursuit of Indianapolis becoming the education reform capital of the nation.
3. Continuing and expanding the successful charter school movement in Indianapolis that currently includes 22 Mayor-sponsored charter schools that serve approximately 8,500 students.

Thanks to the efforts of Governor Mitch Daniels, the Indiana General Assembly and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Tony Bennett, Indianapolis is uniquely positioned to be a leader in the improvement of urban education. Mayor Ballard’s Office is currently working with education groups nationwide to recommend individuals who may be interested in this position.

Under Mayor Ballard, the City of Indianapolis has two Deputy Mayors, one focusing on neighborhoods and one dedicated to economic development.

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